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In re Patent Application of)
EUGENE D. THORSETT, et al.)
Application No.: 09/126,096) Group Art Unit: 1611
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For: COMPOUNDS WHICH INHIBIT)
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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 1999, for the above-reference patent application, which Office Action set a 30-day period for response. A petition requesting a four (4) month extension of time accompanies this reply and therefore, this response is being submitted on or before its current due date of January 9, 2000. In response to the Office Action, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested:

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-18 are currently pending in this application.

1. **Requirement for Restriction**

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I. Claims 1-5 and 9-18, drawn to compounds of formula I, wherein R¹ and R² or R³ and R⁴ together do not form a ring, corresponding composition and method of use, classified in class 562, subclass various;